

MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Table Mountain NRCA Management Plan

The purpose of the Management Plan is to guide site-specific management and use activities towards protecting restoring and, enhancing the natural systems on Table Mountain Natural Resources Conservation Area (NRCA). The site is available for low-impact recreational use, scientific research and outdoor environmental education. The existing NRCA covers approximately 2837 acres. Proposed management actions are centered around public use and minimizing user impacts, re-routing trails around sensitive areas, decommissioning roads, closing spur trails, maintaining trails in good condition, and may also include activities to restore native habitats in some areas.

Trails currently located in areas that are prone to erosion or that threaten to negatively impact rare species, plant communities, and cultural sites will be rerouted or reconstructed.

Description of mitigation:

Limited amounts of vegetation may need to be removed during trail re-routing, however, the old trail site will be revegetated. Any disturbance to vegetation will be done for the sake of minimizing overall impacts to sensitive features on the site. There is no proposed net loss of vegetation.

Any erosion from construction of hiking trails will be minimal; in scale with two-foot wide hiking trails. New trail construction will follow standards developed to prevent erosion and include erosion control devices such as: waterbars, culverts and trail outslipping.

Abandoned trails will be obliterated and restored to as close to natural conditions as possible. All restoration projects will involve the use of native vegetation and/or will use native site-collected seed. Waterbars and other water diverting structures will be used to divert the flow of water on abandoned trails in order to prevent or reduce soil erosion.

Proponent:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Location of proposal, including street address, if any:

The Table Mountain NRCA is located in southwestern Skamania County, Washington near Beacon Rock State Park and northwest of the town of Stevenson.

Township 03N, Range 07E Sections 28,29,32,33

Township 02N, Range 07E Sections 4,5,6,8,9

Lead agency: Washington Department of Natural Resources.

The lead agency for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW

43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the lead agency. This information is available to the public on request.

☐ There is no comment period for this Mitigated DNS.

☒ This MDNS is issued under 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 30 days from March 27, 2006. Comments must be submitted by April 25th before 5pm.

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There is no agency SEPA appeal.
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